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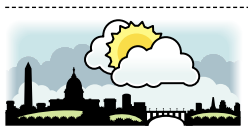

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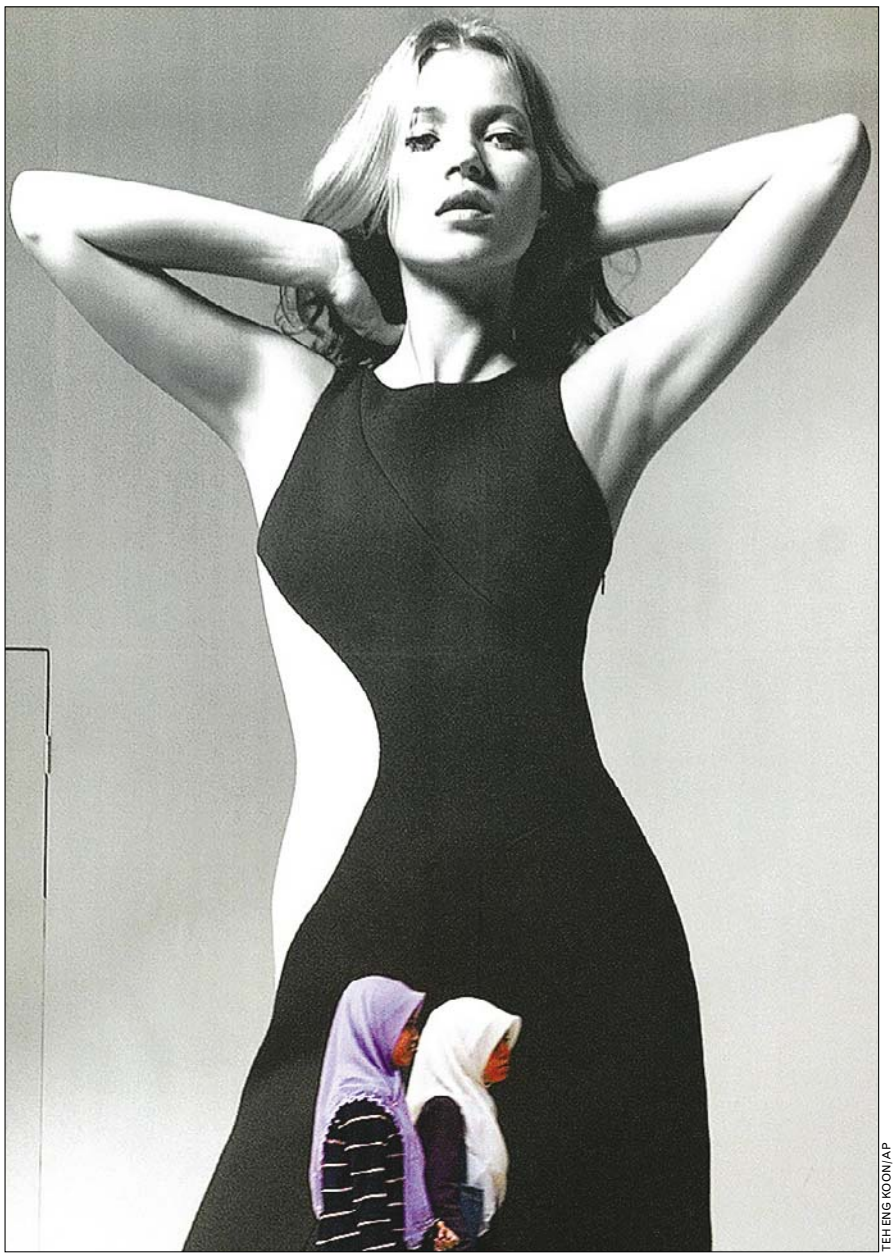

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FOREIGN OBJECT: Women walk past a billboard for a planned foreign fashion shop in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. As a summit on Asian economic cooperation ended in Bangkok on Tuesday, Malaysian leader Mahathir Mohamad called for fair rather than free trade, saying poorer countries must protect their "little businesses." **No apologies:** Mahathir defends remarks about Jews | page 6

Abortion Limit OK'd In Senate

'Partial-birth' decision seen as challenge to Roe v. Wade

WASHINGTON | The Senate on Tuesday voted to ban the practice that critics call partial-birth abortion, sending President Bush a measure that supporters and foes alike said could alter the future of U.S. abortion rights. A court challenge is certain.

Years in the making, the bill imposes the most far-reaching limits on abortion since the Supreme Court in 1973 confirmed a woman's right to end a pregnancy.

In the procedures, generally carried out in the second or third trimester, a fetus is partially delivered before being killed.

"This is very important legislation that will end an abhorrent practice and continue to build a culture of life in America," Bush said in a statement.

Opponents of the bill also stressed its importance, for different reasons.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, warned that the ban was a first step toward overturning abortion altogether. "I see where this is going: A couple of votes here or there in the next election, you can kiss Roe v. Wade goodbye."

The vote came three weeks after the House passed the same measure. JIM ABRAMS (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: The 64-34 roll-call vote breakdown: Voting "yes" were 17 Democrats and 47 Republicans; voting "no" were 30 Democrats, 3 Republicans and 1 Independent. Democratic presidential hopefuls Sens. John Kerry and Joe Lieberman voted "no"; Sen. John Edwards abstained. (AP)

The Good Old Days: Remember punk rock? The *Distillers* do. Remember screwball comedies?

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SPORTS

No Barrel Necessary

Witnesses say they were shocked to see a man plunge over Niagara Falls in just the clothes on his back — and then emerge alive at the bottom. They described watching the man float past in the swift Niagara River on Monday, then go headfirst over the 180-foot waterfall and pull himself onto the rocks below. Kirk

TERRY MCMULLEN/AP

Jones, of Canton, Mich., was hospitalized in stable condition Tuesday; officials say he'll face charges of illegally performing a stunt. (AP)

RELATIONSHIPS

Depths of Commitment

Jeff Sohl and Rebecca Fringer were enjoying a day of fishing with another couple when disaster struck: Fringer's engagement ring fell into deep water at a lake near Fremont, Neb. But they didn't give up. They contacted a pair of scuba divers, who dove down 17 feet and searched the lake's pitch-black floor for the ring using a special underwater metal detector. When they found the ring 37 minutes later, it was buried under four inches of muck. (AP)

REAL ESTATE

Decorative Dancing Poles Included

Looking for a condo with a checkered past? Try Atlanta's Gold Club, a strip joint frequented by athletes, performers and other high rollers before it was shut down after its owner was busted for racketeering. A group of developers has signed a contract to buy the famous former adult nightclub and turn it into condominiums. Developer Kim King says she intends to convert the lot into several condos and on-street retail shops. (AP)

ANIMAL WATCH

Primate Playtime

Travis, a 170-pound chimpanzee in Stamford, Conn., can do lots of things humans can: He waters flowers and even watches baseball on TV. But one thing Travis apparently has not mastered is sensing the best time for play. He bolted from his owners' sport utility vehicle Sunday night, commandeered an intersection and held police at bay for a few hours. Officers managed to corral the chimp by luring him back into the SUV. His owners say he spent Monday sleeping. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: Yasuyuki Kitano of Tokyo, Japan, was arrested for fraud after claiming royal lineage to stage an "imperial wedding," bilking guests out of $115,000 in gift money, officials said Tuesday. He'd claimed to be a prince for more than a decade. (AP)

JOEL NITO/AFP/GETTY

FASHION

Hair-Raiser

Eat your heart out, Marge Simpson. This gravity-defying do was only one of several styles on display at the Asia-Pacific Hair Olympics in the Philippines on Tuesday. More than 1,000 competitors from 20 countries participated in the event, during which cosmetologists molded models in categories including "commercial makeup," "alternative makeup" and "blow drying," The Daily News of Sri Lanka reported. The competition's winners will be announced Wednesday. (EXPRESS)

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AQI Today: Not available

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STORM SURGE | LOG JAM

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CLEARING THE WAY: Washington State Department of Transportation worker Troy Almli works Tuesday to clear a massive jam of logs and other debris in the Snohomish River under the U.S. Highway 2 near Everett, Wash. The site is 30 miles north of Seattle, which saw its largest one-day rainfall total in 112 years of record-keeping on Monday.

Fla. Gov. Orders Tube Reinserted

Move reverses decision to remove support from brain-damaged woman

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. | Invoking a law rushed through the legislature only an hour earlier, Gov. Jeb Bush ordered a feeding tube reinserted Tuesday into a brain-damaged woman at the center of one of the nation's longest and most bitter right-to-die battles.

The bill was designed to save the life of Terri Schiavo, whose parents have fought for several years to keep her alive. Her husband, Michael Schiavo, says she would rather die.

The woman was taken by ambulance later Tuesday from the hospice where she had gone without food or water for six days. She was to be given fluids at a Clearwater hospital before again being fed through a tube.

Terri Schiavo's feeding tube was removed by court order at her husband's insistence last Wednesday, and doctors said the 39-year-old woman would die within a week to 10 days without food and water.

The Senate voted 23-15 for the legislation, and the House passed the final version 73-24 only minutes later.

Schiavo

George Felos, a lawyer for Michael Schiavo, took steps to stop Bush even before the governor received the bill. He filed a request for an injunction if Bush issued an order.

Pinellas Circuit Court Judge George Greer denied it on technical grounds, but said Felos could refile the request.

The Florida Supreme Court has twice refused to hear the case, and it also has been rejected for review by the U.S. Supreme Court.

JACKIE HALLIFAX (AP)

Sources: Alleged 9/11 Plotter Killed Reporter

Officials link Khalid Shaikh Mohammed to death of Daniel Pearl

WASHINGTON | American authorities investigating the killing of Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl in Pakistan now believe that he was slain by the hand of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks.

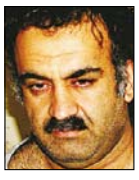
Authorities, who had previously cast doubt on reports of Mohammed's role, now have new information that leads them to believe he killed Pearl, said one U.S. official who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The official declined to detail the evidence.

The U.S. acknowledgment of Mohammed's suspected role was first reported in Tuesday's editions of the Journal.

However, three senior Pakistani officials involved in the Pearl case said Tuesday they could not confirm suspicions that Khalid Shaikh Mohammed was Pearl's killer.

"Many newspapers have been reporting it. We do not have evidence or credible information," said an official with the Pakistani intelligence service, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pearl, the Journal's South Asia bureau chief, was abducted on Jan. 23, 2002, while working on a story on Islamic militants in Karachi.



Mohammed

A group calling itself the National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty claimed responsibility for the kidnapping and demanded the release of suspected Taliban and al Qaeda fighters.

Investigators obtained videotapes apparently showing Pearl being killed as his throat was cut. It was unclear who killed him. His body was found in May. JOHN J. LUMPKIN (AP)

Captain Subpoenaed in Ferry Crash

NEW YORK | Federal investigators issued a subpoena Tuesday for the Staten Island ferry captain under increasing scrutiny in the probe of the crash that killed 10 people and injured dozens.

The subpoena capped a day of wrangling between National Transportation Safety Board officials and the attorney for Capt. Michael Gansas, who canceled a scheduled NTSB interview without public explanation.

Meanwhile, the assistant captain piloting the ferry when it plowed into a pier last week remained in critical condition after attempting suicide, his attorney said.

City regulations require the captain to be in the ferry's pilot house during docking, a procedure which could have provided backup if the pilot was stricken.

The subpoena calls for Gansas to appear before NTSB investigators Wednesday.

Gansas told police immediately after the accident last week that he was in the pilot house when the ferry crashed and that he tried to pull the pilot, Richard Smith, off the controls after he lapsed into unconsciousness, an official familiar with the investigation said on condition of anonymity.

At least one deckhand has told investigators that Gansas was not in the pilot house when the Andrew J. Barberi crashed into a pier. The deckhand's account was questioned by Gansas, who said the crew member was not in a position to see anyone in the pilot house, the official said. (AP)

In Brief

CAMDEN, N.J.

Teen Accused in Shooting Plot Strikes Plea Bargain

A 15-year-old boy accused of plotting with two friends to wipe out their enemies in a shooting rampage struck a plea bargain Tuesday. Cody Jackson pleaded guilty to carjacking, and prosecutors recommended he get five years without parole in a juvenile detention center. Authorities said the teens had several guns, swords and 2,000 rounds of ammunition. (AP)

MILWAUKEE

City Seeks End to Condom Problem at Treatment Plant

Milwaukee will spend $2 million on a filtering system at a wastewater treatment plant in an effort to stop condoms from floating into Lake Michigan. Workers for the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Commission said they found only 50 or 60 condoms in the harbor after a fisherman lodged a complaint, but the district has been paying an average of $460 per day for an employee to scoop spent condoms from tanks at a wastewater treatment plant. (AP)

Pharmaceutical roulette: Cancer patient Maxine Blount died knowing a drug she had been given to strengthen her immune system turned out to be counterfeit. How criminal schemes have caused patients to get bad medicine. | Today's Washington Post, A Section.

Nation

Box Cutter Case Exposes Flaws

Transportation safety agency to improve procedures, training

WASHINGTON | The Bush administration pledged Tuesday to move more aggressively against potential threats in the wake of an incident in which federal authorities said a young man boasted about successfully compromising airline security.

From now on, a Transportation Security Administration official said, the agency will automatically single out for response any threatening communication and will seek to better train its employees on how to recognize such messages.

"The system should have picked it up. If this highlights a flaw in the system, it could be relatively easily corrected," TSA spokesman Mark Hatfield acknowledged in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America." His statement came a day after Nathaniel Heatwole of Damascus, Md., was charged in federal court in Baltimore with taking a dangerous weapon aboard an aircraft.

According to an FBI affidavit, the Transportation Security Administration received an e-mail from Heatwole saying he had "information regarding six security breaches" at the Raleigh-Durham and Baltimore-Washington airports between Feb. 7 and Sept. 14.

Hatfield conceded Tuesday that the TSA must help its employees become more capable of recognizing the threatening messages among some 5,700 complaints, queries, compliments and other comments that flow daily into the agency's Contact Center. LESLIE MILLER (AP)

BACK FROM IRAQ | DADDY'S HOME

BYRON HOLLAND/NEW BERN SUN JOURNAL/AP

OLDER AND WISER: Little Ian Rizzo was only six months old when his father, Capt. Chris Rizzo, left for Iraq. The 14-month-old joined his mother, Lisa, in welcoming dad back into the country in Havelock, N.C., on Tuesday. The elder Rizzo was one of 100 returning Marines from the 26th Expeditionary Unit.

BY THE NUMBERS: American doctors conduct twice as many tests to find the same number of breast cancer cases as physicians in Britain, researchers say. The study, which appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association, says women in the U.S. with and without cancer undergo at least double the number of follow-up tests as British women. (AP)

General's Comments Investigated

WASHINGTON | The Pentagon will investigate a general's church speeches casting the war on terrorism in religious terms, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

The announcement came days after two prominent senators asked Rumsfeld to launch a probe of Army Lt. Gen. William G. Boykin.

Several Islamic and religious freedom groups criticized Boykin last week when reports surfaced of his comments during several speeches at evangelical Christian churches. Boykin said the enemy in the war on terrorism was Satan and that God had put President Bush in the White House. He also called one Muslim Somali warlord an idol-worshipper.

The Pentagon released a statement from Boykin apologizing to those who were offended and saying the three-star general did not mean to insult Islam. (AP)

Doctors Isolate Gene for Macular Degeneration

PORTLAND, ORE. | In what may be an important step toward preventing blindness in old age, scientists have identified a gene believed to be responsible for a degenerative eye disease that could strike millions of baby boomers as they grow older.

The gene is suspected of being the main cause of some cases of age-related macular degeneration, or AMD, a complex disease triggered by various factors that affects 6 million Americans. It typically appears in people 65 and older.

Researchers at Oregon Health & Science University were able to pinpoint the gene by tracking it through a large extended family with a history of the disease.

In age-related macular degeneration, the most sensitive area of the retina breaks down, robbing a person of the fine vision needed to read a book or recognize a face. (AP)

College Costs Rise 47% Over 10 Years

The average cost of tuition and fees at the nation's four-year colleges and universities is more than 40 percent higher now than it was 10 years ago, a new study says.

The College Board, which owns the SAT, released its annual Trends in College Pricing report Tuesday, documenting cost increases that have been particularly steep in recent years because of big cuts in state funding.

Using inflation-adjusted dollars, the average cost of tuition and fees at state-supported four-years schools is now 47 percent higher than it was a decade ago, the study said. The average cost of tuition and fees at private colleges and universities, also adjusted for inflation, has grown by 42 percent over the same period.

The College Board said tuition for in-state students at four-year public campuses jumped 14.1 percent to $4,694 since last year. However, a dip in the price of room and board — assessed separately from tuition and fees — means that students living in residence halls are actually paying $10,636, only 9.8 percent more than they did in 2002-03. (AP)

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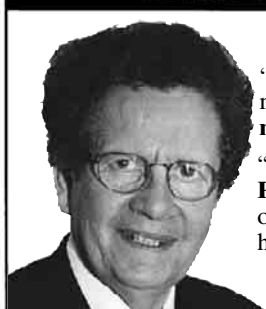

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World

In Brief

FRANCE

Amid Muslim Headscarf Debate, Chirac Weighs In

President Jacques Chirac, coming down hard amid a strident debate about students wearing Muslim headscarves in public schools, threatened Tuesday to have a law passed to ensure that religion does not compromise France's secular principles. "Secularism is not negotiable," he said. France's Constitution guarantees secularism. (AP)

MIDEAST

Officials Say Arafat Suffers From Case of Gallstones

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is suffering from gallstones, officials said Tuesday, but doctors have determined that he does not need an operation now. Rumors have been circulating for weeks about the health of Arafat, 74. His physicians have denied reports that he is suffering from stomach cancer or other illnesses. (AP)

NETHERLANDS

Fewer Shops Now Sell OTC Marijuana and Hashish

The number of shops where marijuana and hashish are sold openly over the counter fell by 3 percent in 2002 to 782. The Justice Ministry said the decrease was due to tougher regulations. The sale or use of small quantities of marijuana and hashish is not prosecuted in the Netherlands, but the drug has not been legalized outright. (AP)

NORTH KOREA

Reclusive Kim Makes First Public Appearance in 40 Days

Leader Kim Jong Il has made his first public appearance in 40 days, an official news report said. Kim visited a military-run farm on Monday, according to the state-run news agency. The isolated North has built a personality cult around Kim, though little is known about him and his contacts with foreign journalists are tightly restricted. (AP)

Kim Jong Il

Live Online: Discuss North Korea's nuclear ambitions with Daniel A. Pinkston of the Center for Nonproliferaton Studies: Today at noon on washingtonpost.com/liveonline

NABIL ALJURANI/AP

A man is welcomed by relatives after returning to Basra Tuesday. About 650 Iraqis left a refugee camp in Saudi Arabia where they have lived since the first Gulf War.

With U.S. Help, Iraqis Arrest Shiite Militants

BAGHDAD | Iraqi police backed by U.S. coalition troops raided a mosque before dawn Tuesday in the holy city of Karbala, arresting dozens in a clampdown on Shiite Muslim militants.

The latest troubles in Karbala began a week ago over ownership of a bus, but reflect a power struggle between armed followers of militant Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who demands an immediate U.S. withdrawal from Iraq, and gunmen loyal to religious leaders who take a more moderate stand.

With the endorsement of Karbala's senior clerics, Iraq's interim Governing Council decided to take action against the al-Sadr forces, said interim Interior Minister Nori al-Badran. The raid went smoothly, he said. "All the gunmen surrendered with their weapons." CHARLES J. HANLEY (AP)

CLASHES, CULTURAL AND OTHERWISE, AT OIL MINISTRY

➜ **U.S. troops guarding the Oil Ministry in Baghdad** fired in the air and swung rifles and fists at protesters angry at the brief detention of a woman employee who balked at being searched. The woman didn't want to submit her bag to a search by a sniffer dog, since the bag held a Quran and dogs are considered unclean by Muslims.

Iranians Agree to IAEA Conditions

Uranium enrichment suspended; inspectors to have full access

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iran agreed Tuesday to suspend uranium enrichment and give inspectors unrestricted access to its nuclear facilities as demanded by the U.N. watchdog agency.

The announcement came after weeks of pressure on Iran to meet an Oct. 31 deadline to come clean on its nuclear program, which Washington believes aims to build a nuclear arsenal.

The White House responded cautiously. "Full compliance by Iran will now be essential," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

Iran made the commitments after the foreign ministers of Britain, France and Germany came to Iran to press the demands by the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency. Tehran did not say when it would take the steps, though a British official said it would likely be before the Oct. 31 deadline.

Iran also agreed to hand over other information long sought by the IAEA, diplomats said. Most importantly, said the diplomats, who spoke on condition of anonymity, Iran promised to account for the origin of traces of weapons-grade uranium that inspectors discovered at two facilities. ED JOHNSON (AP)

Diplomatic coup: The Europeans' approach to Iran contrasted with that of the U.S. Today's Post: Section A

N. Ireland Agreement Disintegrates

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND | A day billed as a breakthrough for Northern Ireland descended into a diplomatic shambles Tuesday as Protestant leaders rejected the Irish Republican Army's biggest-ever disarmament move as too secretive.

The prime ministers of Britain and Ireland, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, came to Northern Ireland to announce a Nov. 26 election for the province's empty legislature, the intended bedrock of a joint Catholic-Protestant administration for this British territory.

Their mission was supposed to have been bolstered by the IRA's first act of disarmament in 18 months. But it ended when they admitted that an agreement between the key parties — the IRA-linked Sinn Fein and the Ulster Unionists, a British Protestant party — had slipped away. (AP)

In Wake of Spill, EU Toughens Rule On Shipping Oil

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | A European Union ban on transporting heavy grades of oil in single-hulled tankers to or from EU ports went into effect Tuesday.

The drive for tougher rules gained speed after the sinking of the oil tanker Prestige off Spain's coast last year, which contaminated beaches from Portugal to Belgium.

The EU has deemed single-hull tankers more "accident prone," and the new regulation requires heavy grades of oil to be transported in double-hull tankers. (AP)

VATICAN CITY | MEN OF THE RED CLOTH

PLINIO LEPRI/AP

SUNLIT SEATING: Cardinals wait for the beginning of a consistory in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Tuesday. Pope John Paul II solemnly led the ceremony to elevate 30 prelates from 22 countries to Cardinal, in effect creating the College of Cardinals that will elect the next pontiff. ✣ **Successor: The issues facing the next pope.** Today's Post: Section A

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World

Malaysian Leader Offers No Apology

Repeats remarks about Jews but says they were taken out of context

BANGKOK, THAILAND | An unrepentant Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad shrugged off criticism from President Bush and repeated his charge that Jews control the world.

Mahathir triggered an uproar last week at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit by stating that "Jews rule the world by proxy. They get others to fight and die for them." That led Bush to pull him aside at the meeting to say the remarks were "wrong and divisive," a White House spokesman said.

But Mahathir said his remarks had been taken out of context. "In my speech I condemned all violence, even the suicide bombings, and I told the Muslims it's about time we stopped all these things and paused to think and do something that is much more productive," he said in an interview with the Bangkok Post published Tuesday.

Mahathir

Mahathir stood by his statements and said the reaction, including criticism from many international leaders, "shows that [Jews] do control the world." PATRICK MCDOWELL (AP)

Anti-Semitic or PC? Muslim, Western media focus on different angles of the speech | washingtonpost.com/world

INDIA | WEAPONS OF MASS DISPERSION

PRAKASH SINGH/AFP/GETTY

SCATTERED: Riot police use a water-cannon to disperse a mob in New Delhi on Tuesday. At least 10 police officers were injured when a mob attacked a police station after a young man died in custody, after allegedly being beaten.

Serbia Rules Out Arresting Generals

SERBIA-MONTENEGRO | Government officials on Tuesday ruled out arresting or extraditing four Serbian generals any time soon, despite new indictments against them by war crimes prosecutors.

The tribunal in The Hague, Netherlands, on Monday indicted the four, including Serbia's current assistant interior minister, for alleged atrocities against ethnic Albanians during the 1999 Kosovo War.

Serbian officials said the latest indictments came at a delicate time for the pro-Western government as it faces a no-confidence vote. "No fast action, arrests or extraditions can be expected from us," said Prime Minister Zoran Zivkovic. (AP)

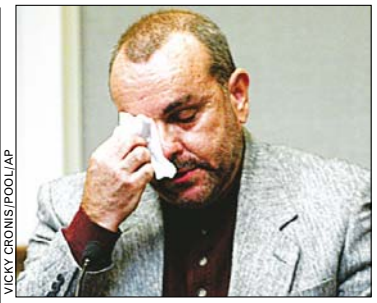
Region

Shooting Victim Testifies at Trial

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | One of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad's alleged victims, restaurant owner Paul J. LaRuffa testified Monday about the Sept. 5, 2002, shooting in which he was shot in the chest and arm. One bullet fragment lodged next to his spinal cord.

After closing the restaurant and getting in his car, "I saw a figure to my left. I saw a flash of light. The window broke. I heard shots. I was being shot," LaRuffa said as he choked back tears. "I said I wasn't going to die.'"

LaRuffa could not identify the man who shot him. He was robbed of about $3,600 and a laptop computer that was found when Muhammad was arrested.



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Paul J. LaRuffa fought back tears when testifying Tuesday in the sniper trial.

Muhammad, before cross-examining LaRuffa, said, "I understand how you feel when your life is on the line." Muhammad then asked a few questions about whether LaRuffa had seen the person who shot him. After court, LaRuffa described his cross-examination as surreal. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Officer 'Didn't Catch On' to Muhammad

VIRGINIA BEACH, VA. | A police officer spoke to sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad just a half-hour after the Oct. 9, 2002, shooting for which he is on trial, but let him go as he tried to deal with angry, panicked drivers trying to leave the scene.

Prince William Officer Steven Bailey testified Tuesday that Muhammad was "very polite and very courteous" when they spoke as Muhammad drove his Chevrolet Caprice out of a restaurant parking lot from which police believe the snipers fired the shot that killed Dean Harold Meyers.

Bailey said Muhammad told him that police had directed him into the parking lot as they secured the scene. Only later that night did Bailey find out that was untrue.

"I didn't catch on. I wish I had," Bailey told Muhammad on cross-examination. Muhammad is serving as his own lawyer.

Muhammad asked Bailey, "Did you ever see me with a weapon?" and Bailey responded "No." Bailey also testified that he found a Baltimore map book in the restaurant parking lot. The map book is one of the few pieces of physical evidence linking Muhammad to the Manassas crime scene. MATTHEW BARAKAT (AP)

Scenes from a trial: For complete coverage of John Allen Muhammad's trial and Tamara Jones's up-to-the-minute reports on the case | washingtonpost.com/metro

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS:

➜ **Sniper suspect** John Allen Muhammad withdrew a request Tuesday that might have allowed him to introduce mental health evidence at sentencing to persuade a jury to spare his life.

➜ **Prosecutors complained** Tuesday that Muhammad was getting too much help from his standby lawyers, Peter Greenspun and Jonathan Shapiro. Judge LeRoy Millette agreed that Muhammad was getting too much help, saying Greenspun and Shapiro should only interact with Muhammad when Muhammad specifically requests help. (AP)

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Region

District Prepares for Upcoming War Protests

WASHINGTON | When protesters converge in Washington on Saturday, they will be met by officers from law enforcement agencies who expect the number of participants in a peace rally and march to exceed the 50,000 anticipated in issued permits.

"We've got word that there may be more than 40,000. We expect it's going to be a big day," said Sgt. Scott Fear, a spokesman for the U.S. Park Police.

The department has canceled days off for its officers. In addition to foot patrols, additional horse and motorcycle units will also be assigned to the events.

Although the largest event is expected to occur Saturday afternoon on the grounds of the Washington Monument, other small parks located throughout downtown Washington are expected to be used as staging areas for groups of demonstrators.

According to Fear, International A.N.S.W.E.R organizers — who are spearheading the protest — have been working with authorities and do not expect demonstrators gathered under their banner to engage in acts of civil disobedience.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

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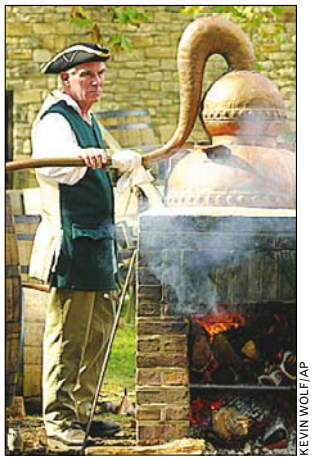

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GEORGE W. KNEW BEST: Joe Dangler, master distiller for Virginia Gentleman, on Tuesday takes part in recreating George Washington's favorite whiskey recipe at Mt. Vernon.

Federal Officers Honored for Taking Quick Action in D.C.

WASHINGTON | Amtrak Police Officer Rodney Chambers and U.S. Capitol Police Officer Michael DeCarlo were honored Tuesday for their efforts to disarm and detain a homeless man after he pulled the pin out of a hand grenade last summer near Union Station.

Each officer was presented with the Department of Transportation's Award for Heroism, an honor bestowed on just 28 individuals since it was created in 1975.

Chambers and DeCarlo confronted Juann R. Tubbs outside Union Station on June 9 following a failed robbery attempt.

DERRILL HOLLY (AP)

Officials: Va. Fire Linked to Iraq Sign

HARRISONBURG, VA. | Fire investigators believe a suspicious house fire could be linked to anti-war sentiments the homeowners had publicly expressed on a sign.

Monday's flames caused an estimated $50,000 to $60,000 in damages. "It appears it may be related to what's on the sign," Fire Chief Larry Shifflett said Tuesday.

Sam Nickels and Cindy Hunter hung the sign on the porch two months ago after vandals ripped the same posted sign from their yard. The sign told of the number of Iraqi civilians and coalition forces killed since the war began. (AP)

ALLEN LITTEN/DAIL NEWS-RECORD/AP

A firefighter battles Monday's blaze, perhaps related to an Iraq protest sign.

In Brief

ROCKVILLE, MD.

Jury Selection Begins in Md. Double-Murder Trial

Jury selection began Tuesday in a trial that could place the first woman on Maryland's death row. Sonya Marie Daniels is accused of shooting a 16-year-old girl and her 5-week-old baby in Frederick County. Prosecutors say the murders were committed because the teen had the baby with Daniels's ex-boyfriend.

Deanna Pritchard and her baby, Makayla Frost, died Oct. 19, 2002 after being shot on a Walkersville street. Daniels allegedly tried to abduct the pair but shot them when Pritchard resisted, prosecutors contend. (AP)

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

Almanac Predicts Another Snow-Filled Winter in Area

If you liked last winter, you're going to love J. Gruber's Hagers-Town Town and Country Almanack, which predicts nearly as much snow and even more cold days this season. The nation's second-oldest continuously published almanac says the wintry weather will begin with a storm Dec. 6-7, bringing western Maryland the first of an eventual 70 inches of snow by March 26. The almanac, now in bookstores and online, also predicts 95 days with temperatures no higher than 45 degrees. (AP)

RIVERDALE, MD.

Police Investigating Incident Near Parkdale High School

Police on Tuesday were investigating an incident near Parkdale High School in which one student was cut near the ear with a knife. Police spokesman Cpl. Robert Clark said three students left school property shortly after 9 a.m. and got into an altercation with one or more unidentified people. The student was taken to a local hospital for the minor injury. (EXPRESS)

VIRGINIA

VRE Delays Holiday Decision

A decision on scrapping some Virginia Railway Express holiday service is being delayed for now. The railroad says it'll be November — at the earliest — before a decision is made. That means VRE will run its "S" schedule on Veterans Day and the day after Thanksgiving. (AP)

Money

In Brief

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

AT&T Reveals $125M Accounting Overstatement

AT&T overstated profits by $125 million in 2001 and 2002 because two employees covered up a bookkeeping error in an attempt to protect themselves, the company revealed Tuesday. The mistake involved underestimating fees owed to phone companies that connect AT&T customer calls. (AP)

COMPUTERS

Microsoft Launches New Software Despite Economy

Microsoft Corp. launched the newest version of its Office software Tuesday, kicking off a $150 million ad campaign in hopes of convincing customers that the upgrade is worth the cost despite a skittish economy. Microsoft also unveiled its Information Rights Management software for controlling who may view, forward or print sensitive documents. (AP)

MUSIC

Electronics Makers Unveil Stereos That Can Download

Four Japanese electronics makers have teamed up to make stereo systems that can download music directly from an Internet service. Sony Corp., Sharp Corp., Pioneer Corp. and Kenwood Corp. unveiled prototypes of the new equipment Tuesday and said they expect the systems to go on sale early next year. There are no plans yet for marketing it overseas. (AP)

DaimlerChrysler Posts $1.92B Loss For Quarter

FRANKFURT, GERMANY | Automaker DaimlerChrysler lost $1.92 billion in the third quarter, as a large write-off on the value of its stake in a European aerospace company more than offset profits from its U.S. Chrysler arm and its Mercedes Benz luxury car division.

It still managed to post an operating profit, which reflects the company's core business and excludes one-time charges, for the July-September period. Its Chrysler division rebounded from a nearly $1 billion loss last quarter. (AP)

Panel Questions Use of Tax Havens

WASHINGTON | Cities such as Boston, Chicago and Washington are reaping millions of dollars leasing their mass transit systems to private companies that use them as tax shelters, an anonymous witness told the Senate Finance Committee, testifying Tuesday behind a screen with his voice electronically distorted.

"Faced with local budget deficits, state and local governments are leasing off infrastructure assets at a record rate," said the witness, dubbed Mr. Janet, who was described as a former leader in the leasing industry.

Officials in the three cities said they use leasing transactions and described them as a revenue boon for transit agencies often strapped for cash to make upgrades.

Michael Fleming, president of the Equipment Leasing Association, said the transactions can be compared with home equity loans — a way for cities to borrow against their assets to raise much needed capital.

But Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said the practice crosses a line.

"Even the subway system of Washington, D.C., our nation's capital, has been leased as part of a shelter scheme. We need to shut down this type of tax shelter and all others in the process."

Washington has made $100 million on several transactions, said Lisa Farbstein, a Metro spokeswoman.

Officials said they see nothing wrong with the deals, pointing out that many must be approved by the Federal Transportation Authority.

Farbstein said the approach is even outlined in a 1995 FTA brochure for transit systems titled "Innovative Financing Handbook."

MARY DALRYMPLE (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AmWest	13.30	+2.15	+19.3
TexGenco n	28.20	+4.15	+17.3
MonacoC	22.20	+2.91	+15.1
Bluegreen	6.64	+.75	+12.7
NavigCons	14.83	+1.25	+9.2

Losers

Brinker	29.60	-4.21	-12.5
Blockbstr	19.22	-2.28	-10.6
Flowserv	19.46	-2.14	-9.9
Lydall	12.49	-1.26	-9.2
Esco	42.68	-3.82	-8.2

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
VionPh n	2.25	+.65	+40.6
UFP Tch	2.20	+.50	+29.4
JDASoft	21.49	+4.01	+22.9
Transgnmc	2.42	+.45	+22.8
KeryxBio n	5.46	+.96	+21.3

Losers

j2Glob s	33.45	-10.39	-23.7
LogicD	2.16	-.42	-16.3
Factory2U	2.36	-.44	-15.7
Pharmos	3.96	-.74	-15.7
SonicFdy	2.31	-.39	-14.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.0625
3-month	0.93	0.91
2-year	1.84	1.69
10-year	4.35	4.35
30-year	5.21	5.25

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5979	.5978	.6478
Canadian Dollar	1.3168	1.3210	1.5646
European Euro	.8580	.8585	1.0261
Japanese Yen	109.62	110.19	124.90
Mexican Peso	11.1070	11.1430	9.9400
Taiwanese Dollar	33.99	33.88	34.89

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-30.30	+15.76	+1.35
-0.31	+0.82	+0.13
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Media Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
ClearChan	39.25	-.83	+5.3
Comcast	32.57	+.36	+38.2
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CoxCom	33.00	+.35	+16.2
Disney	21.79	+.24	+33.6
EchoStar	39.35	-.20	+76.8
Fox Ent	29.08	-.56	+12.1
Gannett	84.47	+.43	+17.6
GM H	15.58	+.02	+45.6
LibtyMA	10.21	-.15	+14.2
LibtyMB	10.51	-.07	+14.2
NewsCorp	34.78	-.10	+32.5
Thomson	32.05	+.17	+19.9
Viacom	38.74	-.30	-5.1
ViacomB	38.58	-.32	-5.3

One-Third of Uninsured Work At Big Companies

WASHINGTON | Thirty-two percent of the nation's workers without health insurance in 2001 were employed by big companies, up from 25 percent in 1987, according to a study released Tuesday by The Commonwealth Fund.

Researchers cited as factors soaring health care costs, declines in manufacturing and union jobs and the changing structure of large corporations — those with more than 500 employees.

The Census Bureau estimates that 44 million Americans were uninsured last year. (AP)

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Cars

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Detroit says it can't be done, but Toyota's Prius doesn't care

ROAD TEST | If you ever despair that the U.S. auto industry is whirling down the tubes of history, the second-generation Toyota Prius will give you no comfort. This is a car Detroit assures us cannot be built. A spacious, safe and well-appointed mid-size four-door with practical performance while returning more than 60 miles per gallon? For $20,000? Are you, like, high?

As recently as this summer, during the Big Three's annual assassination of higher mileage standards proposed in Congress, industry shills argued that the proposed increase for cars — 40 mpg by the year 2015 — would be impossible to meet.

The '04 Prius is a family sedan with a hidden agenda: save the environment/world.

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POWERTRAIN: gasoline engine and electric motor
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MILEAGE: 60 mpg city, 51 highway
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Well, the Prius gets 60 mpg — the highest fuel mileage of any mass-production car sold in the United States — and Toyota did it without subsidies from the federal government.

Anybody who has ever turned a wrench will marvel at this car. Consider the body structure: a four-door hatchback on a 106.3-inch wheelbase, with interior room only slightly less than that of the Toyota Camry and a huge trunk (16.1 cubic feet). And the car weighs only 2,890 pounds, 300 pounds less than a four-cylinder Camry automatic.

What makes it a "hybrid" is its powertrain — the Hybrid Synergy Drive System — that tandems a small 1.5-liter gasoline engine (76 horsepower) with an electric motor with peak output of 50 kilowatts (67 horsepower) and a whopping 295 pound-feet of torque.

The system blends the output of both power sources for optimum efficiency so that, for instance, in stop-and-go traffic the car often runs on electric power stored in its 202-volt nickel-metal-hydride battery.

It is not the Prius's stark differences that make the car marketable, but its sameness, the transparency of the hybrid system. The car uses an electronic key — a small plastic module that slips into a receptacle on the dash — that activates the start button on the dash. Put your foot on the brake and press the button; it takes about a second for the car's computers to boot up. The gearshift is a joystick-like unit on the dash.

There is very little else to remind you that the Prius is different from any other economy family car, and quite a lot to suggest it is, in fact, a commuter with upscale aspirations. DAN NEIL (L.A. TIMES)

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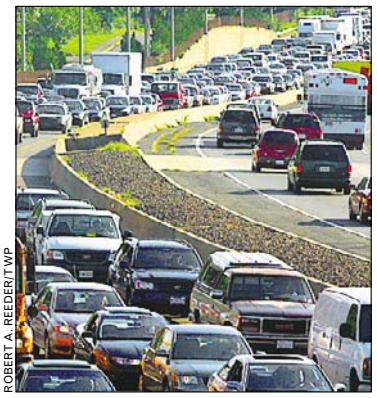
Cars

Don't Rush Home on Fridays

SAFETY | A study of more than 1 million vehicle accidents from January through June found more accidents happen between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday than during any other time of the week. That was also the most crash-prone day, with 16.4 percent of all wrecks, followed by Saturday and Thursday.

As for rush hour crashes, Monday morning was tops. The fewest crashes occurred on Thursday, between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. The fewest daylight crashes happened between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.



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Monday mornings and Friday afternoons are top times for car crashes.

The data are from Progressive Corp., the nation's third-largest auto insurer, based in Mayfield Village, Ohio. The company offered no guesses about why the crashes occurred when they did.

JUSTIN BACHMAN (AP)

The J-Factor

CAR DESIGN | Cherry blossoms and Kabuki theater inspired Nissan Motor Co.'s Serenity minivan. The interior of Honda Motor Co.'s Kiwami minivan is supposed to bring to mind a tranquil Japanese garden. And designers of Toyota Motor Corp.'s Lexus say their powerful-looking LF-S sedan incorporates something they call the "J-factor" — J standing for Japan.

These concept vehicles, which their makers will unveil this week at the Tokyo Motor Show, are the latest examples of an emerging trend in Japanese automotive design — cars that look more clearly Japanese.

The Nissan's Serenity is sleek and angular, with vertical headlights that sweep along the front fenders from bumper to windshield. A big split grill vaguely resembles a pair of squinting eyes and furrowed brows that Nissan's chief designer, Shiro Nakamura, says was inspired by the colorful masks worn by kabuki actors.

Honda's Kiwami, which means apex, has a similar look, with sharp, origami-like body lines. Near the front of the dark-wood center console is a translucent blue square that looks like a small pool of water. The Kiwami runs on a hydrogen fuel cell, a nearly pollution-free power source.

TODD ZAUN (WALL STREET JOURNAL)

CAR FACE: The Nissan Serenity concept vehicle was inspired by kabuki masks.

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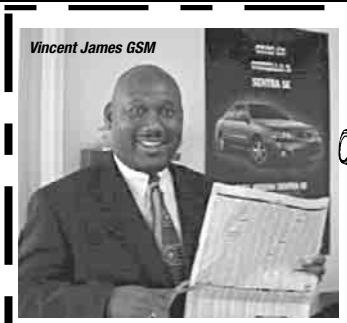

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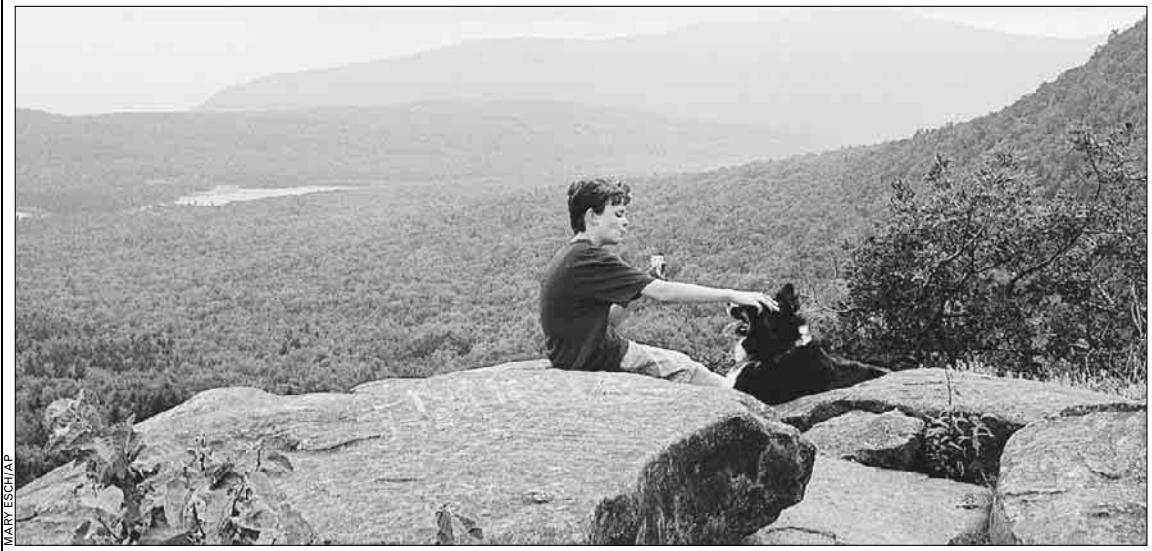

MARY ESCH/AP

VIEW FROM THE TOP: A hiker takes lunch at North Point near Haines Falls, N.Y., in the 300,000-acre Catskill Forest Preserve.

Climbs to Remember

HIKING | While the rugged Adirondacks command more respect from hard-core climbers, New York's other mountains, the Catskills, offer hikers gentler pleasures and some surprising challenges.

"We used to think 'Adirondacks' when we planned to hike," admit authors Carol and David White in the preface to "Catskill Day Hikes," the latest trail guide published by the Adirondack Mountain Club. Their guide describes 60 day hikes in the 300,000-acre Catskill Forest Preserve.

The most spectacular introductory trail, says Carol White, is the Escarpment Trail in the northeastern Catskills, about 100 miles north of New York City. The 23-mile trail snakes along the Great Wall of Manitou, a 1,600-foot cliff towering above the Hudson River Valley.

For hikers looking for a more challenging route, the Whites suggest the Devil's Path. Traversing six mountains with a total ascent of 8,000 feet covering nearly 25 miles, the trail is a popular backpacking route.

One of the reasons the Catskills are underrated as challenging mountains is because they have only two summits over 4,000 feet, compared to 46 in the Adirondacks. Some claim that the Catskills aren't really mountains, but the eroded edge of the Allegheny Plateau.

The Whites recently completed a 21-month odyssey measuring every Catskill trail with a surveying wheel. The data will be used to revise the Adirondack Mountain Club's comprehensive "Guide to Catskill Trails" and update the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference's set of five Catskill maps. MARY ESCH (AP)

IF YOU GO ...

INFORMATION: New York-New Jersey Trail Conference (www.nynjtc.org). Catskill 3500 Club organizes weekly hikes to peaks over 3,500 feet (www.catskill-3500-club.org).

GUIDE BOOK: "Catskill Day Hikes for All Seasons" ($12.95), published by the Adirondack Mountain Club (www.adk.org).

TRAILS: Escarpment Trail, accessible from several trailheads, including the North-South Lake state campground; Devil's Path, accessible from several trailheads, including the parking lot at the north end of Devil's Tombstone campground.

Cruisin' for A Choosin'

CRUISES | A new tour company called Chosen Voyage is launching all-kosher luxury cruises. The Pittsburgh-based company is partnering with Windstar Cruises to offer the 308-passenger Wind Surf ship for five all-kosher seven-day trips in December and January. The ship has three restaurants and 24-hour room service.

The food will be checked by the Kosher Supervisors of America, and the Sabbath will be celebrated at sea on Friday nights and Saturdays. For guests who observe gender segregation of certain activities, there will also be separate swimming pools for men and women.

Many regular cruise lines accommodate kosher guests, but they are usually seated separately from other passengers and have limited meal choices with no kosher options outside the main dining room.

The kosher cruises are scheduled to depart on certain Sundays in December and January from San Juan, Puerto Rico, with prices beginning at $1,999 per person plus taxes, tips and airfare.

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Haymakers & White Satin

The silver screen's dizziest dame stars in a new biography

BOOKS | Chances are, if you know a woman of a certain age named Carole, her name is adorned with an 'e' for one very good reason.

That reason is Carole Lombard.

The screen star's life is newly celebrated in "Carole Lombard: The Hoosier Tornado" (Indiana Historical Society Press), a biography by Wes D. Gehring, a professor of film at Ball State University and "Reel World" columnist for USA Today. The book presents a detailed life of the girl from Fort Wayne, Ind.

Even Carole wasn't Carole at the start. Born Jane Alice Peters, she grew up a free-spirited tomboy in a well-to-do family that relocated from the Midwest to California. Spotted by chance playing baseball, she got her first film role at 13, went on to Mack Sennett comedies in the '20s and eventually achieved stardom, playing opposite greats including William Powell, Gary Cooper, Cary Grant and of course, her future husband Clark Gable.

Lombard became known for a winning personality that made her popular with movie personnel from blue-collar workers to big-deal directors. Critic Pauline Kael praised what she called Lombard's "grinning infectiousness," but she was also dubbed "the profane angel" for her ability to swear like a stevedore. She never lost her "darkly comic" sense of fun, Gehring writes, noting that she occasionally presented Gable with gag gifts that included dead cats.

Perhaps her greatest role was in "My Man Godfrey" (1936) as zany heiress Irene Bullock. The film is credited as the first of the "screwball" genre, comedies that, Gehring writes, "showcase a domineering eccentric woman in a romantically skewered story."

Lombard threw herself into war bond sales when World War II broke out, raising more than $1 million. In January of 1942, her plane crashed, killing all aboard.

Her last film, the anti-Nazi comic thriller "To Be or Not To Be," in which she starred with Jack Benny, was released in February 1942, a month after the crash. CAROLE GOLDBERG (THE HARTFORD COURANT)

THE NOT-SO-DUMB BLONDE: Even in smaller films, like "No Man of Her Own" with Clark Gable, Carole Lombard gleamed.

Potent Moonshine

MUSIC | The Distillers don't bother messing with the radio-friendly guitar hooks and charming little melodies that occupy so many of the band's contemporaries.

On the Epic release, "Coral Fang," there's a real edge to the music of Brody Dalle (formerly Armstrong) and her partners in the Distillers. That edge makes them feel more dangerous and less accessible.

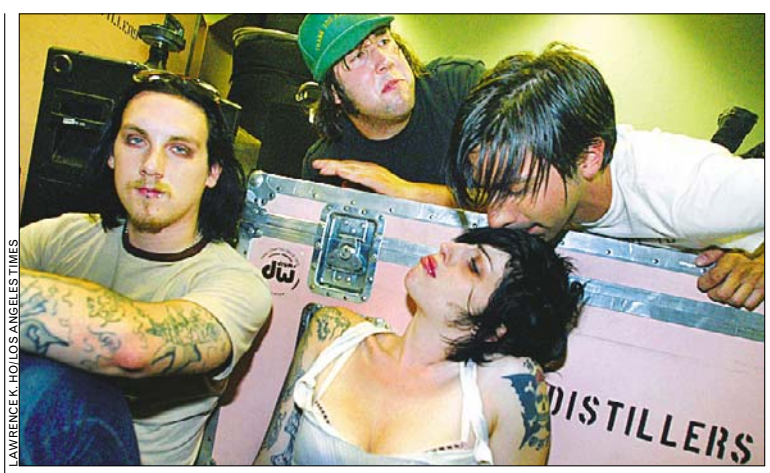
Dalle has become something of a punk-rock It girl, thanks in part to her separation from husband Tim Armstrong of Rancid, and subsequent sightings with Josh Homme from Queens of the Stone Age.

She has a talent for more than grabbing fanzine headlines. With her ground-glass voice and lyrics that make angst seem like a pastime for sissies, she radiates a surly charisma not seen in alternative music since Hole released "Live Through This."

Comparisons to Hole's Courtney Love abound, and there are similarities: Both are punk girls who were married to musicians well-known in their own right. Dalle, though, shows every sign of making a more lasting musical mark.

She barks out the lyrics to "Die on a Rope" over chugging power-chords and full-ahead drums, and rampages through the title track with superheated fury.

It's taken the band a while to attract mainstream attention — "Coral Fang" is the Distillers' third album. If Dalle can overcome her habit of kicking concert-goers in the head, as she did this summer at CBGB, the band stands a good chance of keeping it. ERIC R. DANTON (THE HARTFORD COURANT)



LAWRENCE K. HO/LOS ANGELES TIMES

A HEADY BREW: The Distillers behave — and rock — like classic punk brats.

Top Stops

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New Disney Show: Ice 'Monsters'

2 If you find most of Disney's ice shows a little too feminine, if you think that because you've seen one princess you've therefore seen them all, here's the ticket: "Disney on Ice — Monsters Inc." Mike, Sulley and the gang take to the slick stuff in a gliding, spinning, jumping re-enactment of the hit animated film. Through Oct. 26.

George Mason University, Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax; $10-$47; 202-432-7328 or 800-551-7328.

DISNEY/PIXAR

Mike and Sulley in the show-stopper, "Nightmare Factory of Your Dreams."

Brecht Revival: 'Galileo' at Studio

3 Bertolt Brecht's "The Life of Galileo" trains a microscope — or a telescope — on the nature of truth. Science, religion, humanity, power and the quest to know collide in this retelling of the great astronomer's discoveries and conflicts. Through Dec. 7.

Studio Theatre, 1333 P St. NW; opens tonight, 8 p.m., $33-$45; 202-332-3300. (Dupont Circle, U St.-Cardozo, McPherson Square)

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Entertainment

Clay Aiken Says 'Naked'

PERSONALITY | It would be difficult to find anyone in the United States who has not heard of Clay Aiken, the clean-living 24-year-old special education teacher-turned pop star. He has the best-selling single of 2003 so far with "This Is the Night," and has just released his first album, "Measure of a Man" (RCA).

The album was released less than two months after completing a live tour. How did you find time?

I spent about four weeks recording pretty heavily in L.A. and Miami and then I flew to London to record there. So ... before the tour started, with the exception of two songs, I was finished.

Some have suggested the lyrics to your new single, "Invisible," are a bit ... creepy.

The lyrics are a little bit weird. We got so into the song that we didn't listen to the lyrics until, like, the next day. I was like, "Watch you in your room?" It could be worse. I could say "watch you naked in your room." When we do the video, it'll dispel some of the talk about it being too creepy.

SCOTT COHEN/AFP/GETTY

The croon that makes the girls swoon.

And you'll be playing a character.

I don't think people think that I'm actually watching somebody in their room. That's kind of nasty, and I don't encourage people watching other people in their room. Children, do not do it.

RCA has to be aware of how devoted your fans are; there's a good side and a bad side to that.

There's definitely a bigger good side. I appreciate the fact that they are protective. The bad side is I feel like I have to be perfect all the time and I'm not.

Have you met people you've idolized who are now fans of yours?

I always idolized Mr. Rogers. I wish I had been able to meet him while he was alive. And Tom Harkin, the Senator from Iowa. He was one of the authors of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

You're a fan of "The Amazing Race." If they ever produce a celebrity version, should they call you?

I'm on it. If they ever do a celebrity "Amazing Race," Jerry Bruckheimer, give me a call!

FRED BRONSON (BILLBOARD.COM)

ON TV TONIGHT

THE FORBIDDEN CITY

INSIDE MECCA ON "NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALS" (8 p.m., PBS) affords viewers a peek at a city and an annual event forbidden to non-Muslims. Filmed by an all-Muslim crew, "Inside Mecca" follows three of the faithful as they make the pilgrimage, or "Hajj," to the sacred city.

Islam requires that all believers try to visit Mecca once in their lifetime to praise Allah, ask forgiveness for their sins, and rededicate their lives to Allah.

While the Hajj is a deeply personal journey, it's one believers share with upwards of two million others. This makes the Hajj a logistical burden for its Saudi hosts, who are forever preparing for or recovering from the annual gathering.

THE KID GETS HIS OWN PICTURE

KID NOTORIOUS (10:30 p.m., Comedy Central) Legendary producer Robert Evans lends his voice and image to a new cartoon. Evans plays himself, a famous producer with an audacious sense of the possible and a bizarre speaking style. Evans has a sidekick cat, a British butler named English, and a hefty black maid.

"Notorious" goes out of its way to offend in every scene. In the first episode, Evans opens his own Broadway play, a hip-hop version of "The Godfather." It sounds funnier than it is. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

TopStops

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Ladies' Night: Drag Doo-Wop

4 Trixie, Winnie, Rachel, Trampolina — that's four. The Kinsey Sicks are a "beauty-shop quartet" of golden-throated drag queens who sing satirically about politics, love and life.

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When the 'Earworm' Won't Leave

RESEARCH | Unexpected and insidious, the earworm slinks its way into the brain and refuses to leave. Symptoms vary, although high levels of annoyance and frustration are common.

"Earworm" is the term coined by University of Cincinnati marketing professor James Kellaris for the usually unwelcome songs that get stuck in people's heads.

As a musician who now studies how marketers reach the public, Kellaris began wondering how widespread stuck songs really are, and began doing surveys in 2000.

Last year, he surveyed about 500 students, faculty and staff on campus asking about the type, frequency and duration of earworms, and possible causes and cures. Among the songs respondents picked as most likely to become stuck were: "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," the Chili's restaurant "baby back ribs" jingle and "Who Let the Dogs Out."

But the choice that topped the so-called "playlist from hell" was "Other," meaning the majority of those surveyed chose a unique song of their own as the most probable earworm. That led Kellaris to conclude that stuck songs are highly idiosyncratic; what sticks for one person may not stick for another.

The study, presented at conferences of the Society for Consumer Psychology in 2001 and 2003, showed, among other things that women report more irritation and frustration as a result of earworms; people who are constantly exposed to music suffer them more frequently; and there may be a connection between earworms and a person's level of neurosis.

As word of his research spread, Kellaris got hundreds of e-mails from around the world. A company that provided background music for retail stores wanted to know how to avoid using music prone to becoming an earworm.

Suggestions for curing an earworm included: chewing on a cinnamon stick, passing the earworm on to someone else or erasing the offending song by singing the theme from "Gilligan's Island." RACHEL KIPP (AP)

AP

STAR POWER: Nepalese folk singing sensation Prem Raja Mahat, now working as a restaurant manager in Baltimore, still stirs Nepalese souls when he performs.

Song in His Heart

A Nepalese star lives a quieter life in Baltimore

TRANSITIONS | The first time Roshanee Shrestha heard folk singer Prem Raja Mahat's voice, she was a little girl, curled up in her home in the shadow of the snowcapped Himalayas, the romantic ballads crackling through the tiny speakers of a battery-powered radio.

"In the villages of Nepal, I think he is like a Michael Jackson," said Shrestha, 30, who now runs the Mount Everest Variety Store in Pikesville. "Even now, in America, where you have electricity 24 hours a day and water running in your house, his voice still reminds me of home."

In an Indian restaurant in downtown Baltimore, Shrestha recently watched as her idol — with the boyish grin that graces dozens of album covers; the energy that dazzled thousands at concerts in Katmandu — bused tables and greeted guests.

"It's amazing," she said. "Every person from Nepal knows him, anywhere in the world."

These days, Mahat still produces the occasional album, his rich, mellow voice an instant portal for millions of Nepalese to an idyllic picture of life and love beneath the vistas of the highest mountain range in the world. He remains, even in his self-imposed exile by the Chesapeake Bay, to Nepal what John Denver is to the Rocky Mountains, what Bruce Springsteen is to New Jersey.

But Mahat is crafting the songs for his 47th album in near obscurity in Baltimore, where as a restaurant manager he makes about three times what he did as one of Nepal's most successful recording artists.

The extra money — about $3,000 a month from the restaurant, plus several thousand a year from concerts and song royalties — is nice. But Mahat said he abandoned fame and his homeland seven years ago to keep his wife and four school-aged children away from an insurgency that has killed more than 7,000 people. Guerrillas inspired by the late Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong have fought since 1996 to abolish Nepal's constitutional monarchy and set up a communist state. The government calls them terrorists.

"I miss Nepal, because they love me there. I miss being famous," Mahat said, sipping a frothy yogurt lassi and watching the early dinner crowd stroll past the Mughal Garden restaurant. "But in my country there is fighting and death and poverty. That is why I left. Every parent in the world ... wants to do well for their children. I am no different."

> "Every person from Nepal knows him, anywhere in the world."

There are about 50,000 Nepalese in the United States, according to Krishna Aryal, first secretary at the Embassy of Nepal in Washington, and more than 5,000 in the Washington-Baltimore region.

It's not known exactly how many Nepalese celebrities and entertainers have left Nepal.

But Mahat said dozens have migrated to the United States, Europe and Asia. Saroj Khanal, an action movie star who has appeared in more than 100 movies, is among several who have followed Mahat to Baltimore in recent years.

Mahat, 42, is one of the most famous people to have left Nepal, and while fans at home feel the loss, Nepalese in the United States revel in the handful of concerts he gives every year.

At the first note of one of Mahat's bouncy, rhythmic songs, most of the Nepalese in the crowd leap to their feet to dance.

Nearly everyone knows the words — an impressive feat, considering his hit love song from 2002, "Hiunchulima Hiun," or "Snow in the Snowcapped Mountains," runs more than 20 minutes.

For people who grew up idolizing Mahat, seeing their hero toiling in an everyday job can be jarring.

"We are a little sad because he is so famous in Nepal," Shrestha said. "It would be great for him to be singing rather than working in a restaurant." FOSTER KLUG (AP)

Sports

Bonds Subpoenaed in Probe

California lab accused of creating new steroid at heart of track scandal

DOPING | Barry Bonds will testify in December before a federal grand jury probing a laboratory that supplies some of the nation's top athletes with nutritional supplements.

The San Francisco Giants slugger is one of several dozen athletes who have been subpoenaed by the panel. Others include New York Yankees slugger Jason Giambi, sprint champion Kelli White and U.S. shot put champion Kevin Toth.

Bonds's attorney, Mike Rains, said Tuesday that his client received a subpoena about a month ago asking him to appear Dec. 4. Rains said he was told by the prosecutor leading the investigation that "Barry is a witness and not a target of the grand jury."

The company at the center of the investigation is the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, or BALCO, which was raided by the Internal Revenue Service and drug agents in September.

An attorney for BALCO founder Victor Conte confirmed Monday his client is the target of the grand jury probe.

The scope of the investigation is unclear, and federal officials have refused to comment.

Conte has been accused by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency of supplying athletes with a new designer steroid that is rocking the world of track and field.

The home of Bonds's personal trainer, Greg Anderson, was raided last month in conjunction with the raid on Conte's lab.

Conte has said in e-mails that he was told by athletes that 40 Olympic and professional athletes have been subpoenaed. Being subpoenaed does not imply any of the athletes has done anything wrong.

On Tuesday, track and field's world governing body, the International Association of Athletics Federations, said it will retest all urine samples — about 400 — from the World Championships.

Any positive findings would lead to retroactive disqualifications, including stripping of any medals, and two-year bans. ROB GLOSTER (AP)

BEN MARGOT/AP

Barry Bonds will testify in a drug probe, but is not suspected of doping.

BCA Unveils New Grading System For Minority Hires

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | The Black Coaches Association will use a five-part system next year to evaluate hiring practices in Division I-A football.

Executive Director Floyd Keith said the BCA's goal was to have 20 percent of all new coaches, dating to last year, to be minority hires.

The association said it will grade individual schools on the number of contacts it has with the BCA's executive director, the percentage of minorities involved in the hiring process, the number of minority candidates interviewed, the length of time involved in the search process and how the process compares to institutional affirmative action policies. (AP)

BY THE NUMBERS: There are four African-American head coaches in Division I-A college football. Last year, only one black coach — UCLA's Karl Dorrell — was hired. (AP)

In Brief

PRO FOOTBALL

Redskins Bring Back Bugel To Help Offensive Problems

Former Redskins assistant Joe Bugel rejoined the team Tuesday as an offensive consultant. Bugel, the offensive line coach who guided "The Hogs" to greatness, will review tapes and offer feedback to an offense that has struggled in coach Steve Spurrier's second season. The Redskins (3-4) have lost three straight, scored one touchdown in each of the last two games and allowed an NFL-high 25 sacks. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

McNair's Drunken Driving Case Will Move Forward

Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair's case on drunken driving and weapons charges will go to a grand jury. Judge Leon Ruben ruled Tuesday that there was sufficient evidence for the case to move forward but there was no word on when the grand jury would convene. McNair was pulled over by police while driving a sport utility vehicle in Nashville just after midnight May 22. (AP)

McNair

PRO BASEBALL

Date Set for Hearing on Yankees Brawl During ALCS

A hearing will be held Nov. 7 to determine whether Yankees reliever Jeff Nelson and right fielder Karim Garcia should be charged with assault and battery for a bullpen brawl at Fenway Park. Paul Williams, a 24-year-old part-time groundskeeper, apparently was cheering the Red Sox while working in the Yankees bullpen during the Oct. 11 game in the AL championship series between New York and the Red Sox. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Broncos Turn to Kanell at QB

With the Denver Broncos' top two quarterbacks injured, Danny Kanell will start at least the next two games. Jake Plummer is out at least another three weeks because of a broken bone in his left foot. Steve Beuerlein suffered a dislocated finger Sunday. (AP)

There's No Shortage of Yankees Fans in Florida

New York transplants have divided loyalties during World Series

WORLD SERIES | South Florida's favorite team is in the World Series. It's just not clear whether that team is the Marlins or the New York Yankees.

There are a lot of transplanted New Yorkers around here rooting for the Bronx Bombers. There is also a lot of affection for the Yankee pinstripes because of all the years the team held spring training in nearby Fort Lauderdale.

"I was born and raised a Yankees fan, so there's no reason not to stick with them," said Larry Maroto, 32, of West Palm Beach, who moved south from New York years ago.

Tickets for all three Florida home games in the World Series sold out in less than three hours last week.

Florida receives a steady stream of transplanted New Yorkers — an estimated 300,000 in the past five years alone.

Moreover, the Yankees have made Florida their spring training home for 88 years, including 35 straight seasons in Fort Lauderdale. The Yankees have trained in Tampa since 1996. TIM REYNOLDS (AP)

DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

New York Yankees fans cheering before Game 3 of the World Series.

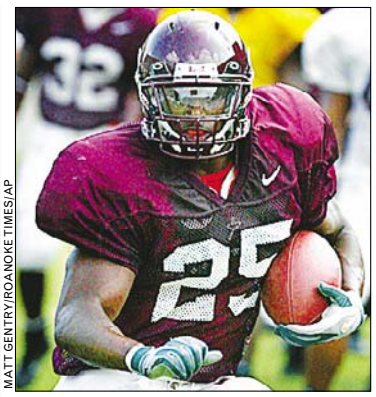
Results: Dave Sheinin and Thomas Boswell report on Game 3 of the World Series | washingtonpost.com/sports

Virginia Tech's Jones Could Set Record

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | When No. 3 Virginia Tech (6-0, 2-0 Big East) plays at West Virginia (2-4, 1-1) on Wednesday night, Kevin Jones can become the first Hokies player in the modern era to rush for 100 yards in five straight games.

Three others have four straight, including Lee Suggs in 2000 and Shyrone Stith in 1999.

West Virginia coach Rich Rodriguez might be content with letting Jones get his yards, as long as they're in small increments. "The reason he scares you is because he takes 4-yard gains and bounces it out or cuts it back and he runs 60 or 70 yards. That's what makes him so explosive," Rodriguez said. (AP)



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The 100-yard man: Kevin Jones

Today's TV Lineup

PRO BASEBALL (8 p.m. on Fox) Game 4 of the World Series, taking place in Miami, features Roger Clemens pitching for the New York Yankees against Carl Pavano of the Florida Marlins.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 p.m. on ESPN) 6-0 Virginia Tech travels to Morgantown to face 2-4 West Virginia in a Big East matchup.

SOCCER (2:30 p.m. on ESPN2) Real Madrid, leading Group F of the Champions League, goes for a 3-0 record when facing FK Partizan (0-1-1).

SOCCER (8 p.m. on ESPN2) The U.S. women's national team, which finished third in the Women's World Cup, plays Italy at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Mo.

Playback

Letters

TO THE EDITOR

KEENON M. JAMES'S LETTER (Oct. 21) suggests that declining his offer of his seat on the Metro is somehow disrespectful. I would not presume to speak for all women, but this woman does appreciate the offer.

If any of my fellow commuting sisters have been disrespectful to you in response to your offer, then I would consider that inappropriate and indicative of a bigger character problem than simply thinking your offer sexist.

—JOY MCLEOD
Alexandria, Va.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE that old-fashioned chivalry has disappeared, but its demise is hardly men's fault.

Since the 1970s, men have been bombarded with calls to respect equality of the sexes, along with women's demands for equal pay, "fulfillment," and the breaking down of traditional gender roles. Now women serve in combat and mow lawns, just as men cook, clean and occasionally serve as househusbands.

It is only fair that women have the equal right to stand in the Metro, just as men do. The lowering of barriers should be applied equally to both sexes.

—STEVEN SIAK
Kensington, Md.

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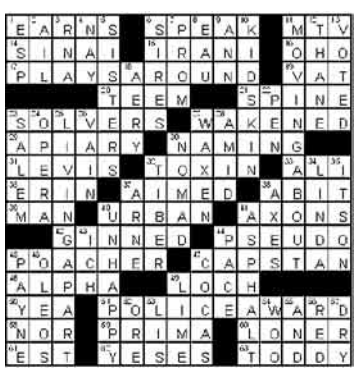
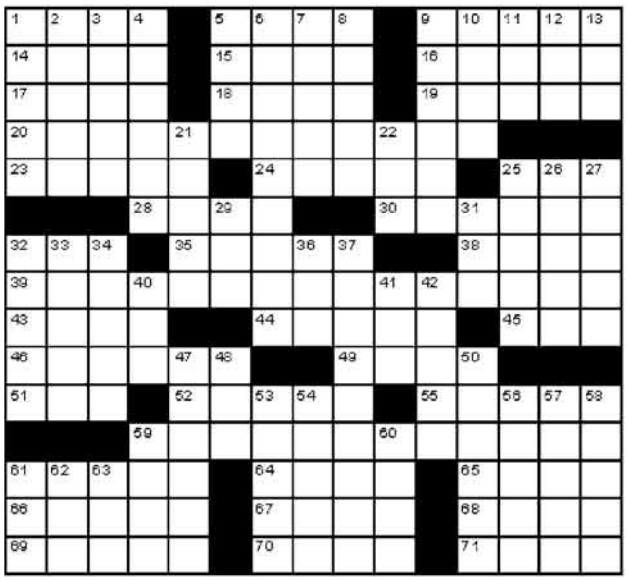


Crossword Puzzle | *Edited by Timothy E. Parker*



ACROSS
1 Grind to a halt
5 Ready for a fight
9 Aired "I Love Lucy"
14 Legal prefix
15 Oceanic threat
16 Opposite of pencil in
17 "Abdul Abulbul ___" (old tune)
18 Word with Lambeau or quantum
19 Useless
20 Horse racing
23 Bruce Wayne's home, e.g.
24 Gave false hopes
25 Word with down, up or back
28 Actress Garr
30 Bloodsucking fly
32 It's fit for a pig
35 Strip searcher's paradise?
38 "Good-bye, old chap!"
39 Wendy Wasserstein play (with "The")
43 Certain field workers
44 Raconteur's inventory
45 Trevino of the links
46 "Finally!"
49 Bioelectric swimmers
51 Hallucination cause
52 Carved pole emblem
55 Major blood vessel
59 Routinely
61 Dromedary
64 Hospital division
65 Rorschach mark
66 Toodle-oo
67 1940s slugger Johnny
68 It hangs around the roof
69 Hardware purchases
70 Quilting events
71 One whose work is constantly changing?

DOWN
1 Sudden convulsion
2 NFL city
3 Giant hunter, in mythology
4 Mimic
5 Fledgling flier's goal
6 Before takeoff
7 Pat-___
8 Quick
9 Rules
10 Some sea birds
11 "Diff'rent Strokes" actress Charlotte
12 Krait kin
13 Cyberhead's place
21 Italian fountain
22 Part of a famous soliloquy
25 Stable part
26 Compact first name?
27 Taunt
29 Button on a camcorder
31 And so on, for short
32 Place to run aground
33 College student's armload
34 Ramp sign
36 Parseghian of coaching
37 Observe with dignity
40 Gene's ID
41 Word in the society pages
42 It has five pillars
47 Seismograph part
48 Day-care visitor
50 Turned on the tears
53 A small Tom
54 Start of a counting rhyme
56 Baton-passing race
57 Treasure-___
58 Late-blooming flower
59 Swiss chard, e.g.
60 Shoshonean people
61 Truck's passenger area
62 Without further ___
63 1/1000 inch

The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope | *Stella Wilder*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You'll have a chance to get a look at something that others may never see. Use it to your distinct advantage almost immediately.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You have an important opportunity to show off some of your work to those who can really do something to help your career.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You'll receive a personal update that allows you to finalize some important plans, and perhaps make a key commitment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You're in business for yourself, though it is likely you'll receive a lot of advice from those who don't want to get involved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — You really want some action, and you will become frustrated if others continue to forge ahead without including you. Take part.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — You're likely to be introduced to something new and exciting by someone who is eager to see you broaden your horizons.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Are you in the mood for something quiet and personal? Perhaps you'd rather have someone else take over for a while.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You're nearing the end of a personal cycle, but that is no reason to relax your efforts. Indeed, the final stretch may demand more from you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You think you're sitting pretty now, as golden opportunities keep presenting themselves. Are you taking advantage of them all?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Your ability to improvise, even when things get tense, is sure to prove valuable to you all day long — and will win the admiration of many.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your mood may be inexplicably dark during the latter portion of the day; even a friend may have trouble pulling you out of this rut.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Wishes can become surprising reality before this day is out. You may want to see to it that others follow your rules very closely.

SNIPER TRIAL

Live Online

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

JERALYN MERRITT, one of the principal trial lawyers for Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City Bombing case, was online Tuesday to discuss sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad's trial.

Would the fact that Muhammad clearly does not understand the rules of law suggest that he is not competent to represent himself? How did the judge determine Muhammad understood the consequences of what he was doing?

The threshold for competency to represent oneself is fairly low. The Supreme Court has said that the defendant must make the choice knowingly and voluntarily. The Sixth Amendment implies a right of self-representation. The defendant does not need to have the skills or knowledge of a lawyer. The court should, however, ensure that he is aware of the dangers and disadvantages of representing himself.

It appears that Muhammad is trying to build his defense on the fact that no one actually saw him pull the trigger. If the prosecutors fail to prove their case, could Muhammad go free?

If the prosecution establishes Muhammad's participation in the murder of Dean Harold Meyers, but does not establish he was the shooter, Muhammed will not walk free. He is also charged with conspiring with Lee Boyd Malvo to commit murder.

Why isn't Malvo in street clothes when Muhammad is? Has anyone raised a motion to put street clothes on him?

I agree that it is prejudicial to Muhammad for the jury see Malvo in prison clothes. But I think Malvo would have had to apply to the judge in his case for funds to buy clothes for his court appearance. I doubt the judge would have granted the request. And I don't think that the judge in the Muhammad case would grant funds to dress Malvo.

Today on Live Online:
11 A.M.: Washingtonpost.com's Cynthia L. Webb hosts Karen Evans, President Bush's administrator of e-government and information technology.

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LITIGATION

Pay His Bills, Bills, Bills

Miami-based producer Terrence "T-Robb" Robinson has filed a $200 million lawsuit against **BEYONCE KNOWLES**, her father and fellow members of Destiny's Child, alleging they stole his music for the hit song "Survivor." He claims he produced the original in June 2000 and provided it to Mathew Knowles, Beyonce's father and manager. Robinson said the song would have been his big break. "Right now I would be one of the biggest, most sought-after producers," he said at a news conference Tuesday. (AP)

POLITICS

Bigotry ... in America?

Cross another one off the list: **GEORGE CLOONEY** is not interested in following Arnold Schwarzenegger into public office, reported Agence France-Presse. This month's California governor's race showed that successful candidates deny their pasts, Clooney told a German magazine. "I always say you have to stand by what you've done. Yes, I smoked grass. Yes, I had sex with more than one person. In the U.S., they make a big deal out of everything as soon as you run for higher office. It's time we did away with this bigotry in America." (EXPRESS)

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WAX IDOLS

It Lives

Madame Tussauds in London unveiled a new and chillingly lifelike waxwork of **BRITNEY SPEARS**, posed in a scene from her "Live In Las Vegas" show, on Tuesday. Draped from a revolving pole with her body breathing (it breathes?!) to the beat of Britney songs, the model stars in a "show" where guests perform with non-wax backup dancers. (EXPRESS)

FRENZIES

Networks Get Smart

NBC's Katie Couric says kidnap victim **ELIZABETH SMART**'s first television interview (Friday at 10 p.m.) included nothing that might traumatize her. "It's a fine line and, I'm sure, if given an opportunity everyone is going to criticize everybody else for something, but I think I handled it as sensitively as I possibly could," Couric said. The Smart case has provoked a bout of one-upmanship among the networks. NBC scheduled its interview for two weeks before the Nov. 9 airing of the CBS movie, "The Elizabeth Smart Story." So CBS moved quickly to air "Elizabeth Smart: America's Girl" last Saturday, a one-hour special on the making of the movie. (AP)

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A little forgiveness and a lotta love.

REALITY

The Eyes on Tammy Faye

Ron Jeremy and **TAMMY FAYE MESSNER** are among the once and future stars sharing a Hollywood Hills mansion during the second season of the WB's "The Surreal Life." The former televangelist's wife and the porn king will live in the house and act as hosts for 11 days. They'll have four other roommates: rapper Vanilla Ice, "CHiPs" actor Erik Estrada, former "Baywatch" actress Traci Bingham and "Real World: Las Vegas" cast member Trishelle. The reality show began shooting Monday. (AP)

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